

MINUTES OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

J. MARTIN GRIESEL CONFERENCE ROOM

May 5, 2000

9:00 AM

Present: Appointed Members: Caleb Faux, Jacquelyn McCray, Donald Mooney, William Taylor; Administration: Richard Mendes, Deputy City Manager; City Council Representative: James Tarbell; City Planning Staff: Elizabeth A. Blume, Director, City Planning Department, and Steven A. Kurtz, Administrator, Land Use Management

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mooney.

MINUTES

Mr. Taylor moved approval of the minutes of both the meetings of April 7 and April 14, 2000, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. McCray, the motion was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Faux moved approval of the following item:

Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Hutton and Turpin Streets and Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Located on Wooster Pike in Linwood

Toad, Inc. has constructed an equine facility on Wooster Pike known as the Rose Arena for spring, summer and fall horse shows. The current facility consists of a fenced arena, permanent seats and a moveable grandstand. The requested vacated portions of Hutton and Turpin Streets and the sale of a small portion of right-of-way along Wooster Pike are necessary to provide parking for their increasing attendance.

Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

WORKING SESSION REGARDING THE RE-WRITE OF THE ZONING CODE

Four members (Jay Buchert, Steven Dana, Michael Mauch and Beth Sullebarger) of the Technical Review Committee joined the City Planning Commission members and the zoning consultant for the working session.

City Planner Cheri Rekow gave a brief presentation of her staff report in which she reviewed the results of two Downtown zoning workshops conducted on February 16, 2000.

Michael Dyett, lead consultant on the Zoning Code rewrite, presented findings of the Downtown workshops conducted in February and the consultant's analysis of the existing Code. The general conclusions were: Downtown zoning exemplifies a good approach to urban design; the incentive provisions have not worked, due to the high floor area ratios (FAR); and, fine-tuning can improve the regulations, pending completion of a new Downtown Urban Renewal Plan. After lengthy discussions, the CPC/TRC directed the consultant team to remove those bonus provisions that have never been used, and agreed that any revision to the FAR for Downtown would be accomplished as part of the new Downtown Urban Renewal Planning process.

Mr. Dyett then reviewed some issues identified by the CPC/TRC at their working session on April 14, 2000. The purpose of the review was to insure the consultants have a clear understanding of the direction they had been given, so that we are "all on the same page". Mr. Dyett indicated a first draft of the annotated outline would be available for staff review about the middle of June.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth A. Blume, Director
City Planning Department

Donald J. Mooney
City Planning Commission

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